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CHAOS AND CAPTAINS AND CATS! OH MY!

The vile robot pirate, Captain Metal, has taken Blaze the Cat captive and has captured the last of the seven Sol Emeralds – mystical gems that keep Blaze's world from falling apart. The mechanical menace plans to use the Sol Emerald to power his gigantic Egg o' War flying fortress!

Luckily, Amy, Cream, Cheese and Marine have come to rescue the firey princess! But the evil Captain Metal won't let her go without a fight, and if our heroes want their friend back, they'll need to defeat the gigantic metal monster known only as THE KRAKEN!

But wait, who's that stealing the Sol Emerald during the melee? It's Bean the dynamite duck and his silently suffering partner, Bark!

With Blaze in captivity, and the Sol Emerald stolen, it's time to "PANIC"!

WHO'S WHO

BLAZE THE CAT
GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE

CREAM THE RABBIT
WITH CHEESE THE CHAO

MARINE THE RACCOON
CAPTAIN OF THE OCEAN TORNADO

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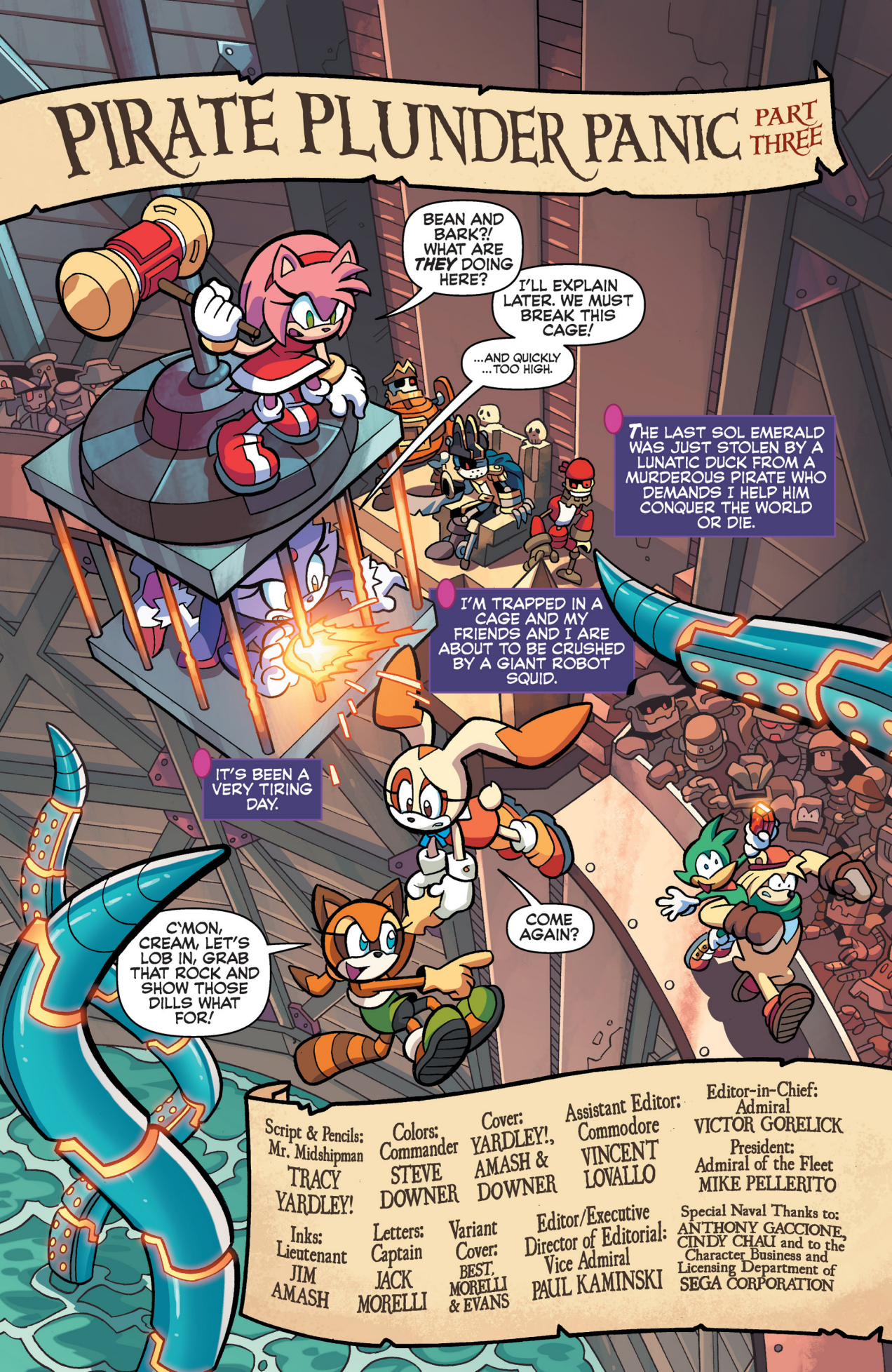
PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC
PART THREE
BEAN AND BARK?! WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. WE MUST BREAK THIS CAGE!
...AND QUICKLY ...TOO HIGH.
THE LAST SOL EMERALD WAS JUST STOLEN BY A LUNATIC DUCK FROM A MURDEROUS PIRATE WHO DEMANDS I HELP HIM CONQUER THE WORLD OR DIE.
I'M TRAPPED IN A CAGE AND MY FRIENDS AND I ARE ABOUT TO BE CRUSHED BY A GIANT ROBOT SQUID.
IT'S BEEN A VERY TIRING DAY.
C'MON, CREAM, LET'S LOB IN, GRAB THAT ROCK AND SHOW THOSE DILLS WHAT FOR!
COME AGAIN?

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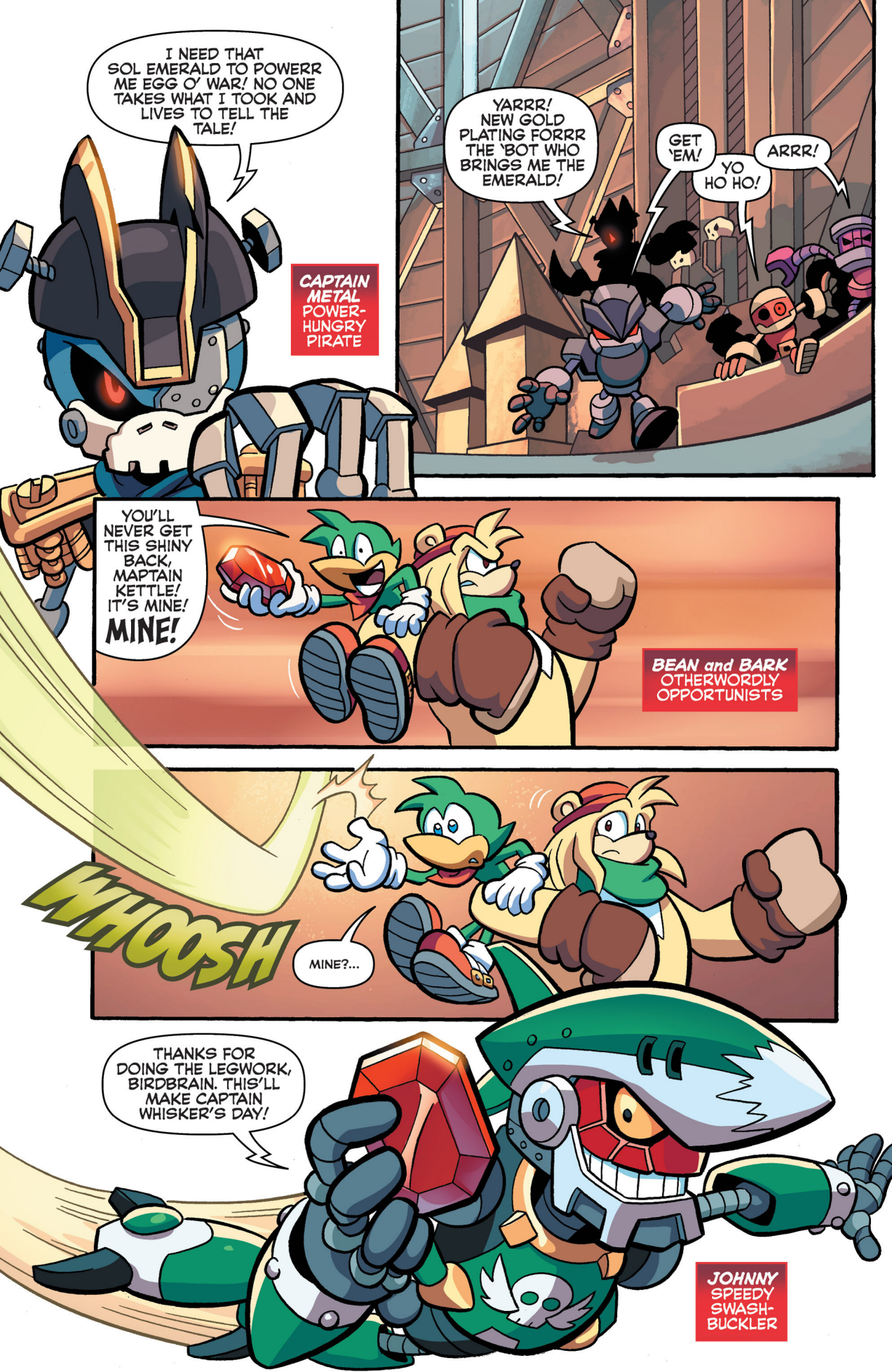
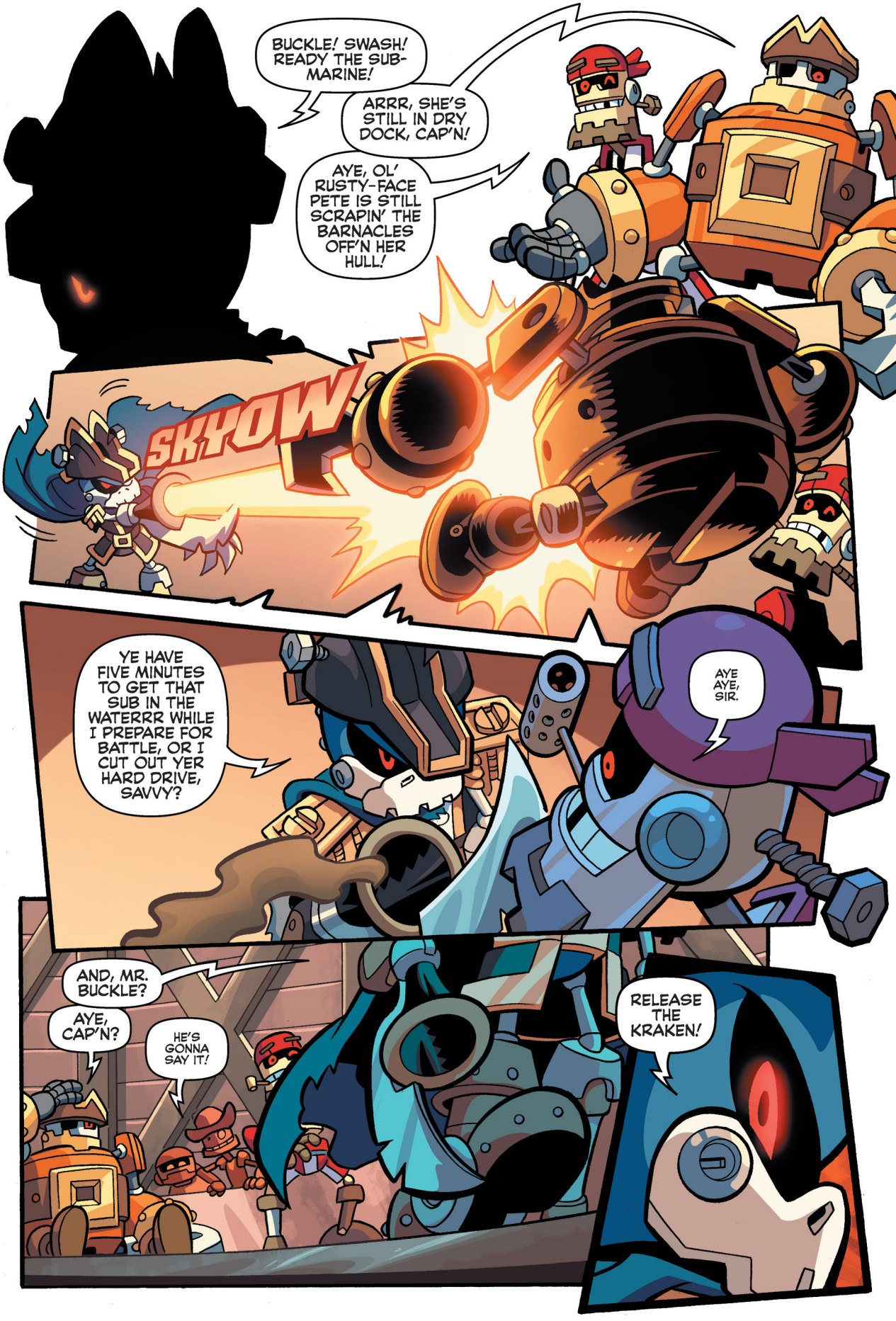
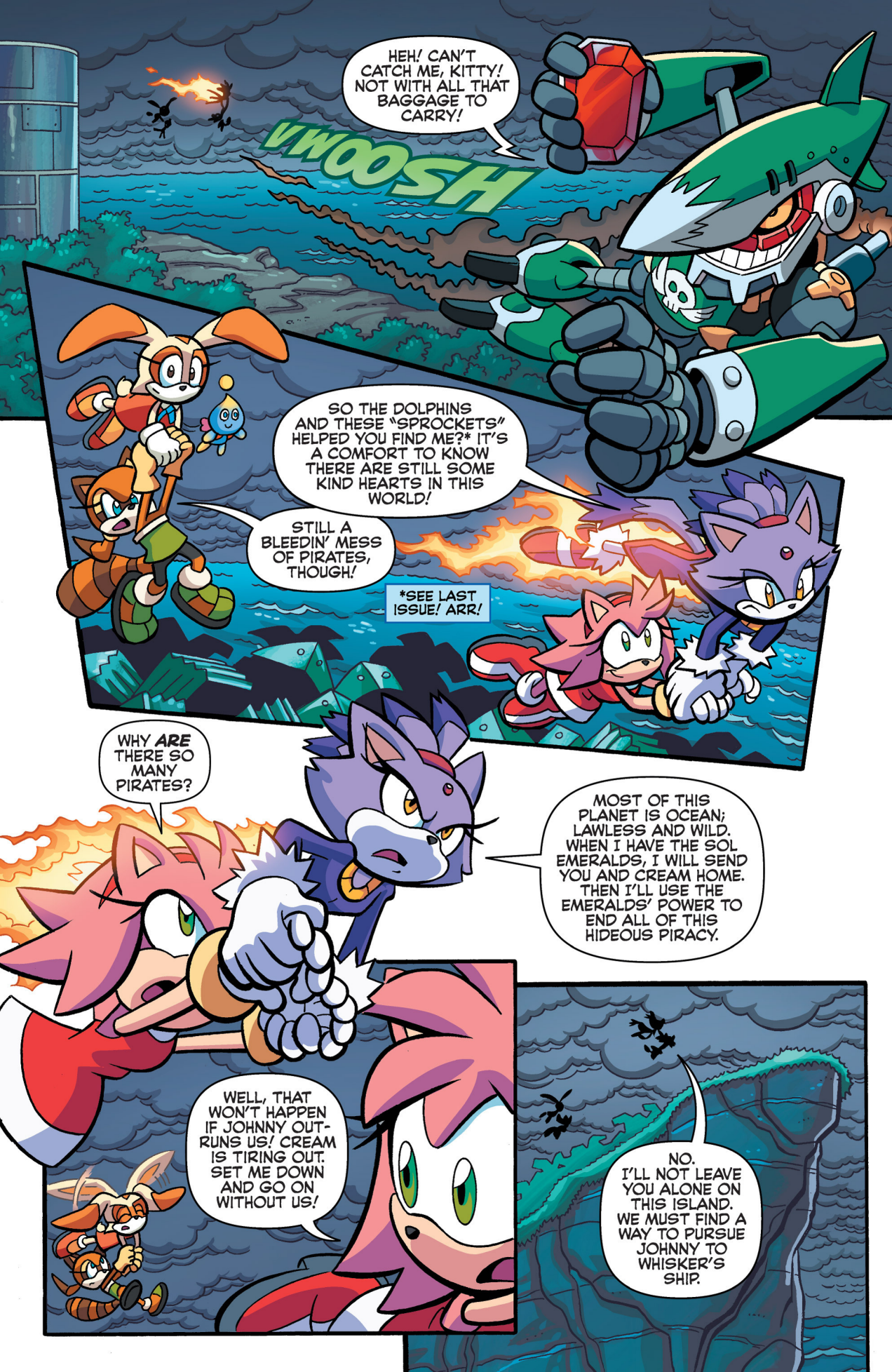

I NEED THAT SOL EMERALD TO POWERR ME EGG O' WAR! NO ONE TAKES WHAT I TOOK AND LIVES TO TELL THE TALE!
CAPTAIN METAL POWER-HUNGRY PIRATE
YARRR! NEW GOLD PLATING FORRR THE 'BOT WHO BRINGS ME THE EMERALD!
GET 'EM!
YO HO HO!
ARRR!
YOU'LL NEVER GET THIS SHINY BACK, MAPTAIN KETTLE! IT'S MINE! MINE!
BEAN and BARK OTHERWORDLY OPPORTUNISTS
WHOOSH
MINE?...
THANKS FOR DOING THE LEGWORK, BIRDBRAIN. THIS'LL MAKE CAPTAIN WHISKER'S DAY!
JOHNNY SPEEDY SWASH-BUCKLER

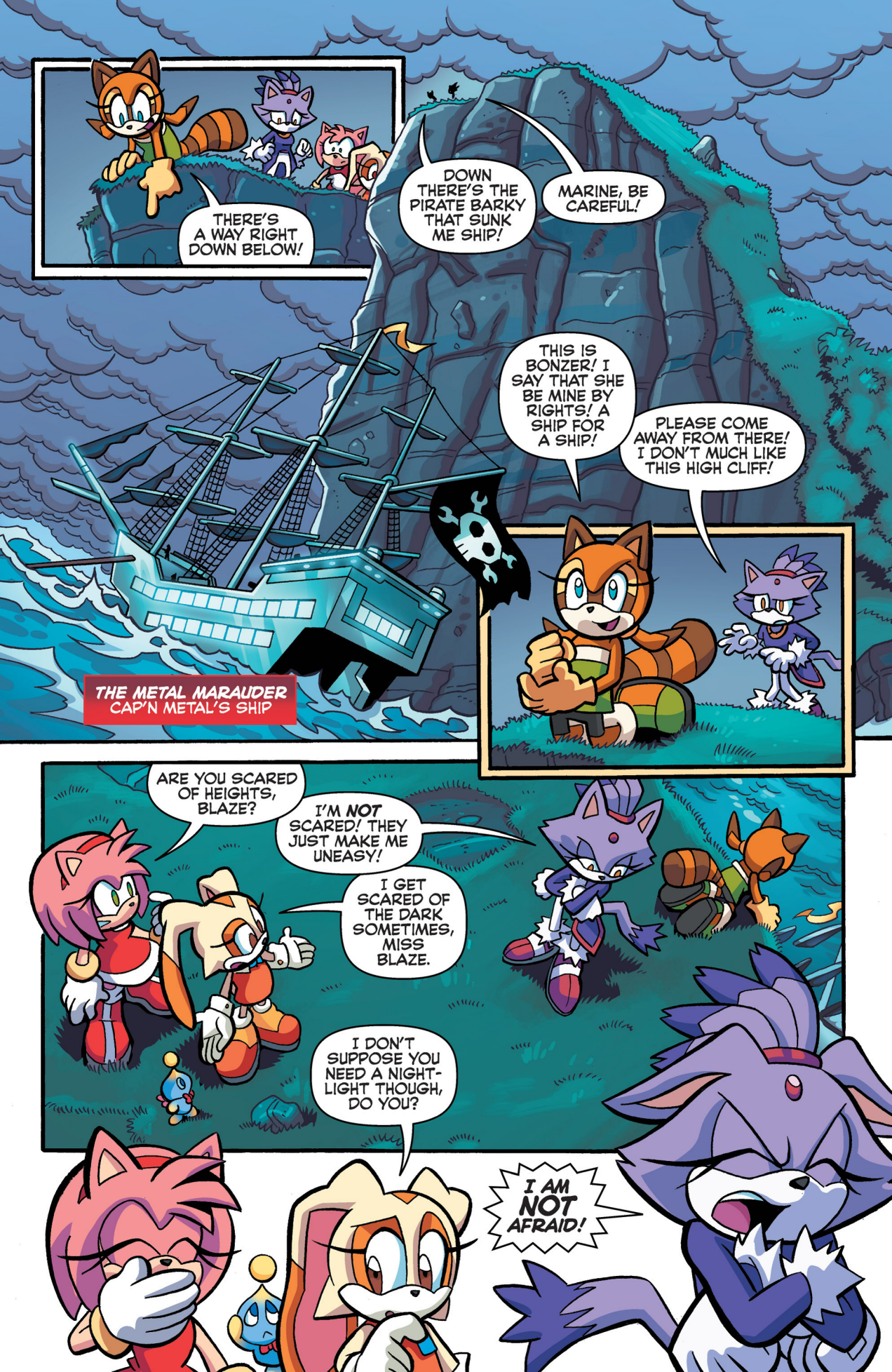
GREAT! ANOTHER PIRATE'S STOLEN THE EMERALD!
AMY ROSE HELPFUL HEROINE
HE'LL NOT ESCAPE! I'M READY, AMY. BREAK THE BARS!
BLAZE PRINCESS IN PERIL
PIKO
VWOOSH

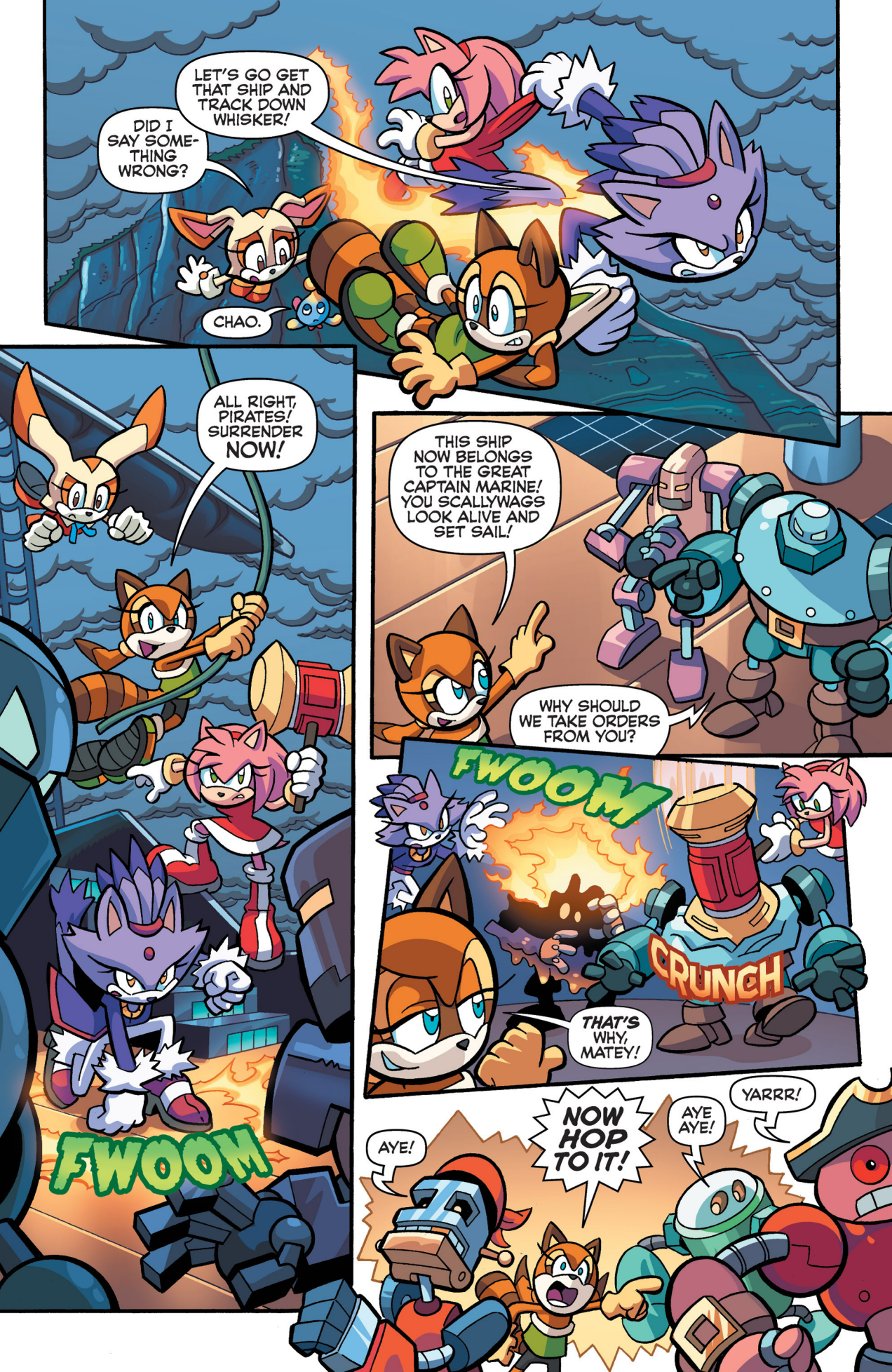
THAT WAS A BEAUT, BLAZE! YOU TAUGHT THAT INKER A LESSON!
WE MUST STOP JOHNNY BEFORE HE GETS THE EMERALD TO CAPTAIN WHISKER.
IS HE ANOTHER MEAN PIRATE?
CREAM and CHEESE FLYING FRIENDS
TOO RIGHT HE IS. CAP'N WHISKER AND CAP'N METAL ARE LIKE TWO ROTTEN PEAS IN A POD!
MARINE RIDICULOUS RACCOON
NAY! I'VE COME TOO FARRR FER ME PLANS T'GO ASTRAY NOW!
YE'LL NOT BE GOING ASTRAY EITHER, PRINCESS!
PIRATE! BAD!
SPROCKET CHIEF ABORIGINAL AUTOMATON
PEST! BEGONE! SOON, I'LL WIPE YOUR KIND OFF THE FACE OF THE ISLAND!

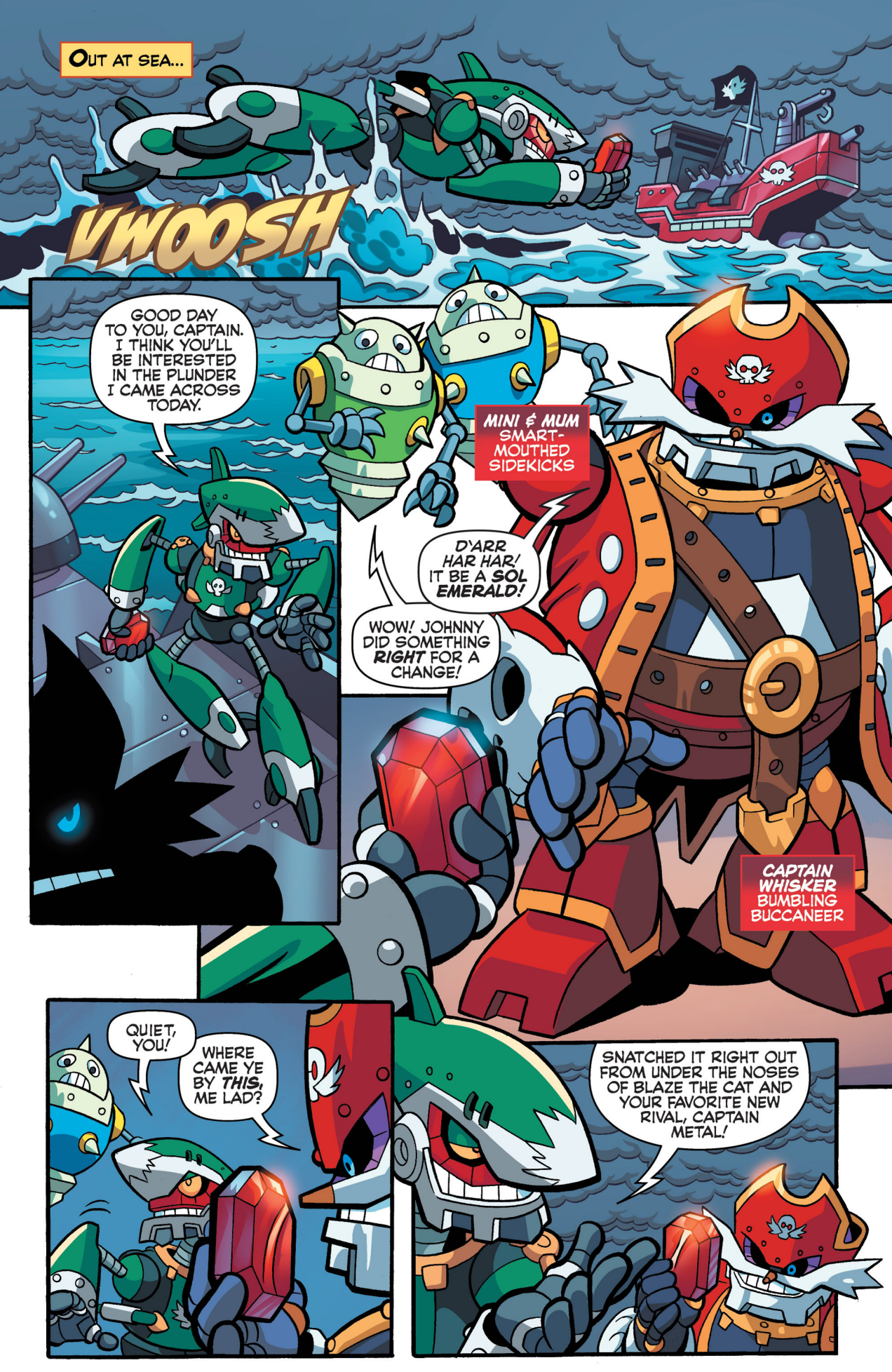
RRRAGH!
OF COURSE.
Uh...BEGGIN' YER PARDON, CAP'N. BUT THOSE TWO MUTINEERS BLEW A HOLE IN THE WALL AND RAN OFF.
HOY!
KLANG
FIND THEM. KILL THEM.
AYE AYE, CAP'N!


BUCKLE! SWASH! READY THE SUB-MARINE!
ARRR, SHE'S STILL IN DRY DOCK, CAP'N!
AYE, OL' RUSTY-FACE PETE IS STILL SCRAPIN' THE BARNACLES OFF'N HER HULL!
SKYOW
YE HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO GET THAT SUB IN THE WATERRR WHILE I PREPARE FOR BATTLE, OR I CUT OUT YER HARD DRIVE, SAVVY?
AYE AYE, SIR.
AND, MR. BUCKLE?
AYE, CAP'N?
HE'S GONNA SAY IT!
RELEASE THE KRAKEN!

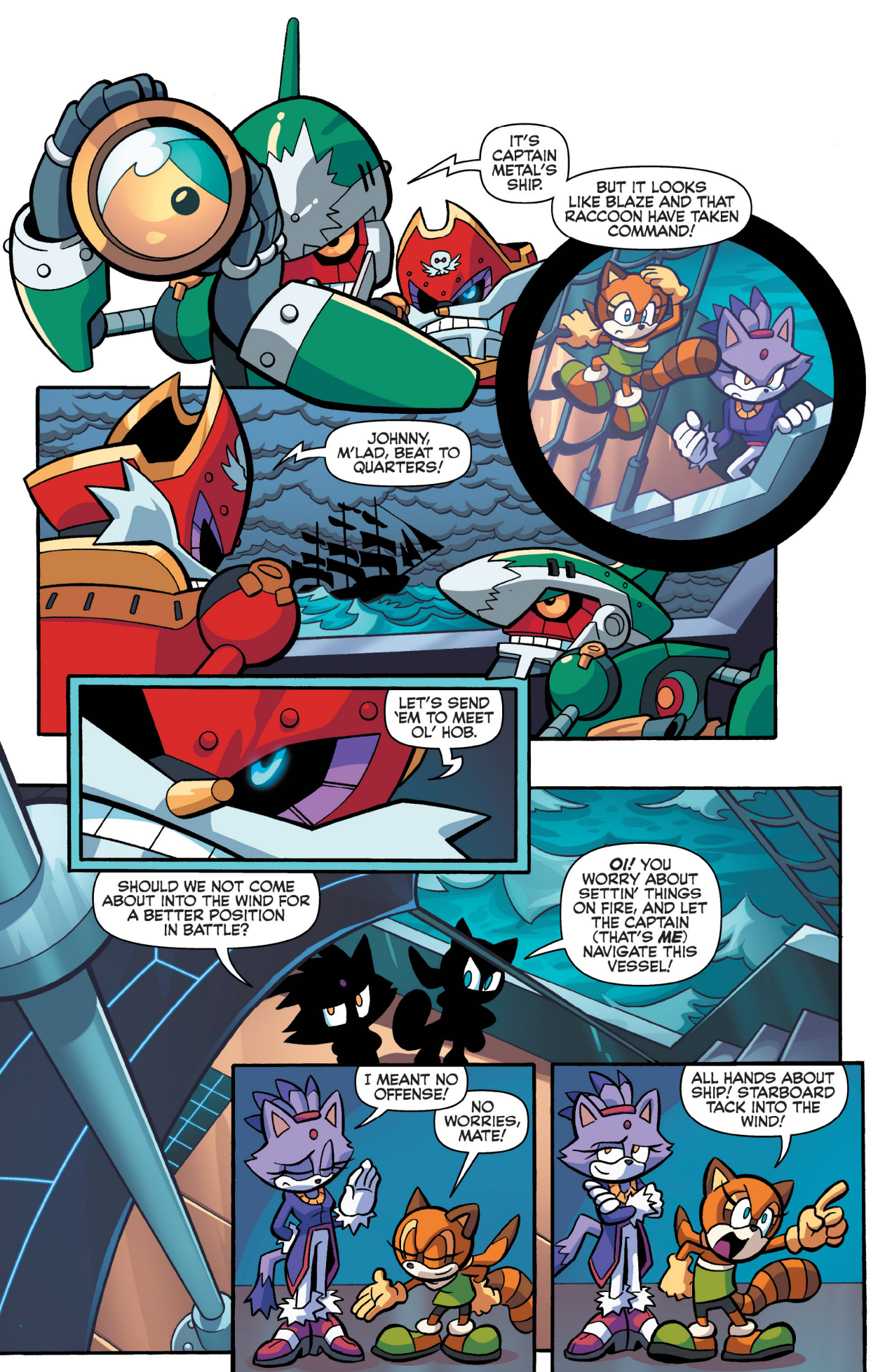

HEH! CAN'T CATCH ME, KITTY! NOT WITH ALL THAT BAGGAGE TO CARRY!
WOOSH
SO THE DOLPHINS AND THESE "SPROCKETS" HELPED YOU FIND ME?* IT'S A COMFORT TO KNOW THERE ARE STILL SOME KIND HEARTS IN THIS WORLD!
STILL A BLEEDIN' MESS OF PIRATES, THOUGH!
*SEE LAST ISSUE! ARR!
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY PIRATES?
MOST OF THIS PLANET IS OCEAN; LAWLESS AND WILD. WHEN I HAVE THE SOL EMERALDS, I WILL SEND YOU AND CREAM HOME. THEN I'LL USE THE EMERALDS' POWER TO END ALL OF THIS HIDEOUS PIRACY.
WELL, THAT WON'T HAPPEN IF JOHNNY OUT-RUNS US! CREAM IS TIRING OUT. SET ME DOWN AND GO ON WITHOUT US!
NO. I'LL NOT LEAVE YOU ALONE ON THIS ISLAND. WE MUST FIND A WAY TO PURSUE JOHNNY TO WHISKER'S SHIP.

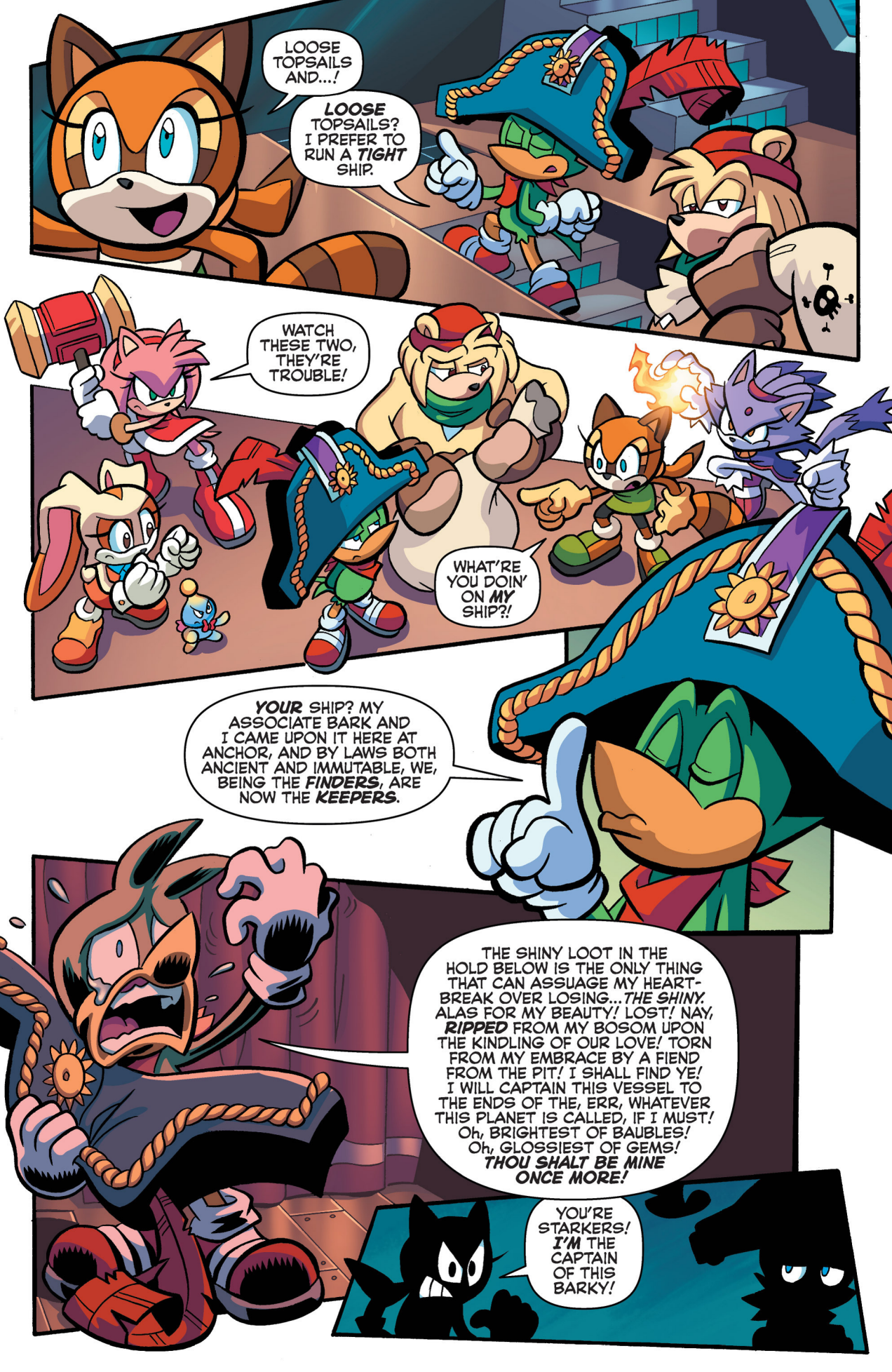

THERE'S A WAY RIGHT DOWN BELOW!
DOWN THERE'S THE PIRATE BARKY THAT SUNK ME SHIP!
MARINE, BE CAREFUL!
THIS IS BONZER! I SAY THAT SHE BE MINE BY RIGHTS! A SHIP FOR A SHIP!
PLEASE COME AWAY FROM THERE! I DON'T MUCH LIKE THIS HIGH CLIFF!
THE METAL MARAUDER
CAP'N METAL'S SHIP
ARE YOU SCARED OF HEIGHTS, BLAZE?
I'M NOT SCARED! THEY JUST MAKE ME UNEASY!
I GET SCARED OF THE DARK SOMETIMES, MISS BLAZE.
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU NEED A NIGHT-LIGHT THOUGH, DO YOU?
I AM NOT AFRAID!

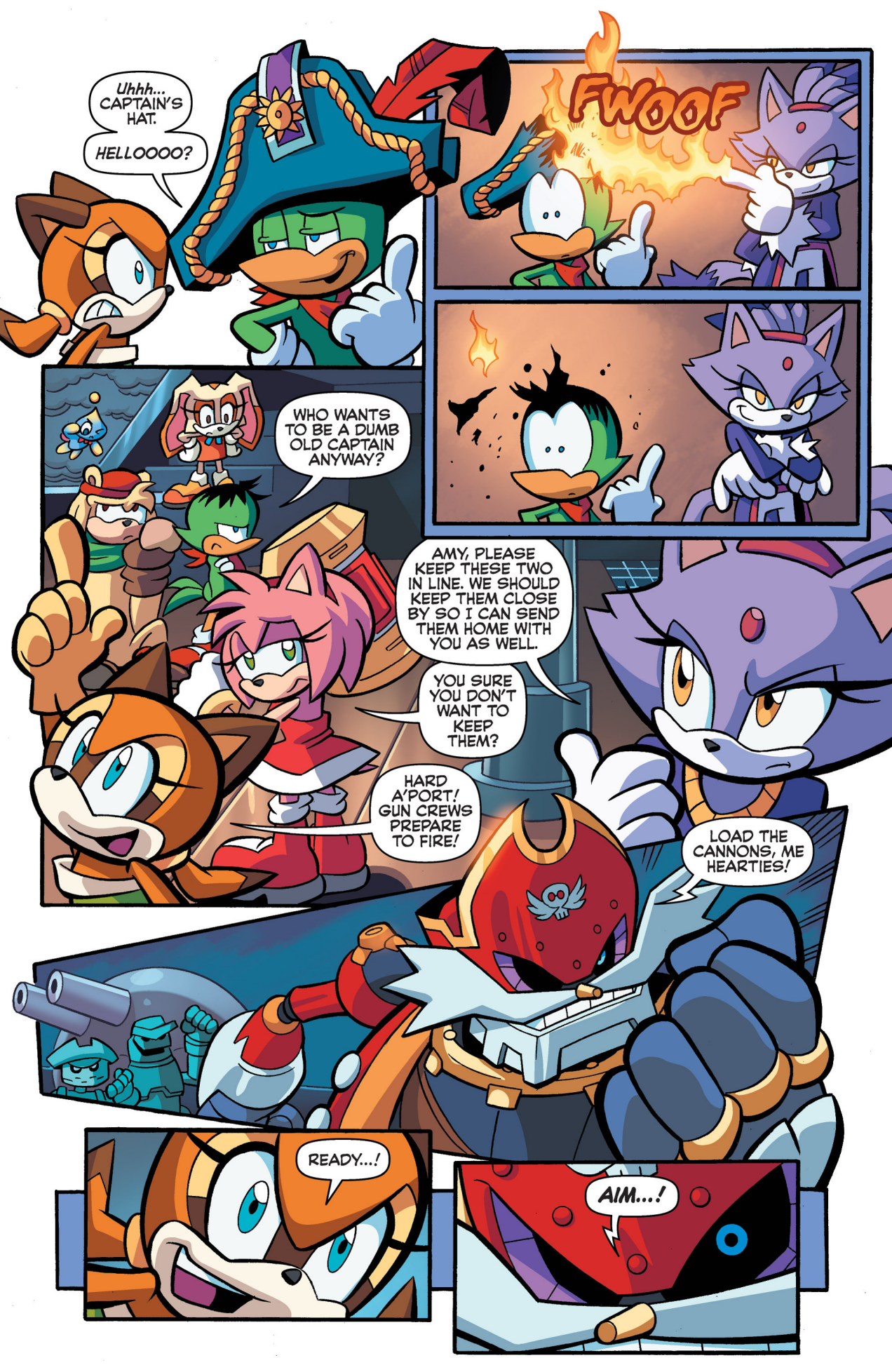

LET'S GO GET THAT SHIP AND TRACK DOWN WHISKER!
DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
CHAO.
ALL RIGHT, PIRATES! SURRENDER NOW!
FWOOM
THIS SHIP NOW BELONGS TO THE GREAT CAPTAIN MARINE! YOU SCALLYWAGS LOOK ALIVE AND SET SAIL!
WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU?
FWOOM
CRUNCH
THAT'S WHY, MATEY!
AYE!
NOW HOP TO IT!
AYE AYE!
YARRR!


OUT AT SEA...
VWOOSH
GOOD DAY TO YOU, CAPTAIN. I THINK YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN THE PLUNDER I CAME ACROSS TODAY.
MINI & MUM SMART-MOUTHED SIDEKICKS
D'ARR HAR HAR! IT BE A SOL EMERALD!
WOW! JOHNNY DID SOMETHING RIGHT FOR A CHANGE!
CAPTAIN WHISKER BUMBLING BUCCANEER
QUIET, YOU!
WHERE CAME YE BY THIS, ME LAD?
SNATCHED IT RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THE NOSES OF BLAZE THE CAT AND YOUR FAVORITE NEW RIVAL, CAPTAIN METAL!

I HOPE THAT STICKS IN THEIR GULLETS! I'LL RECKON WITH 'EM BOTH SOON ENOUGH!
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T KEEP THAT EMERALD.
YEP. GOTTA HAND IT OVER TO THE BOSS.
D'ARR! DON'T REMIND ME!
I BE UNDER NEGA'S THUMB FER NOW. BUT HE'LL GET HIS COMEUPPANCE ALONG WITH THE REST!
Uh-huh.
WE'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE!
INSOLENT CURS! I'LL HAVE THE HIDE OFF YE FER MOCKIN' ME, YER CAP'N!
EVERYONE ELSE DOES IT!
IF EVERYONE ELSE WALKED THE PLANK, WOULD YE AS WELL?!
WHELPS!
SAIL HO!

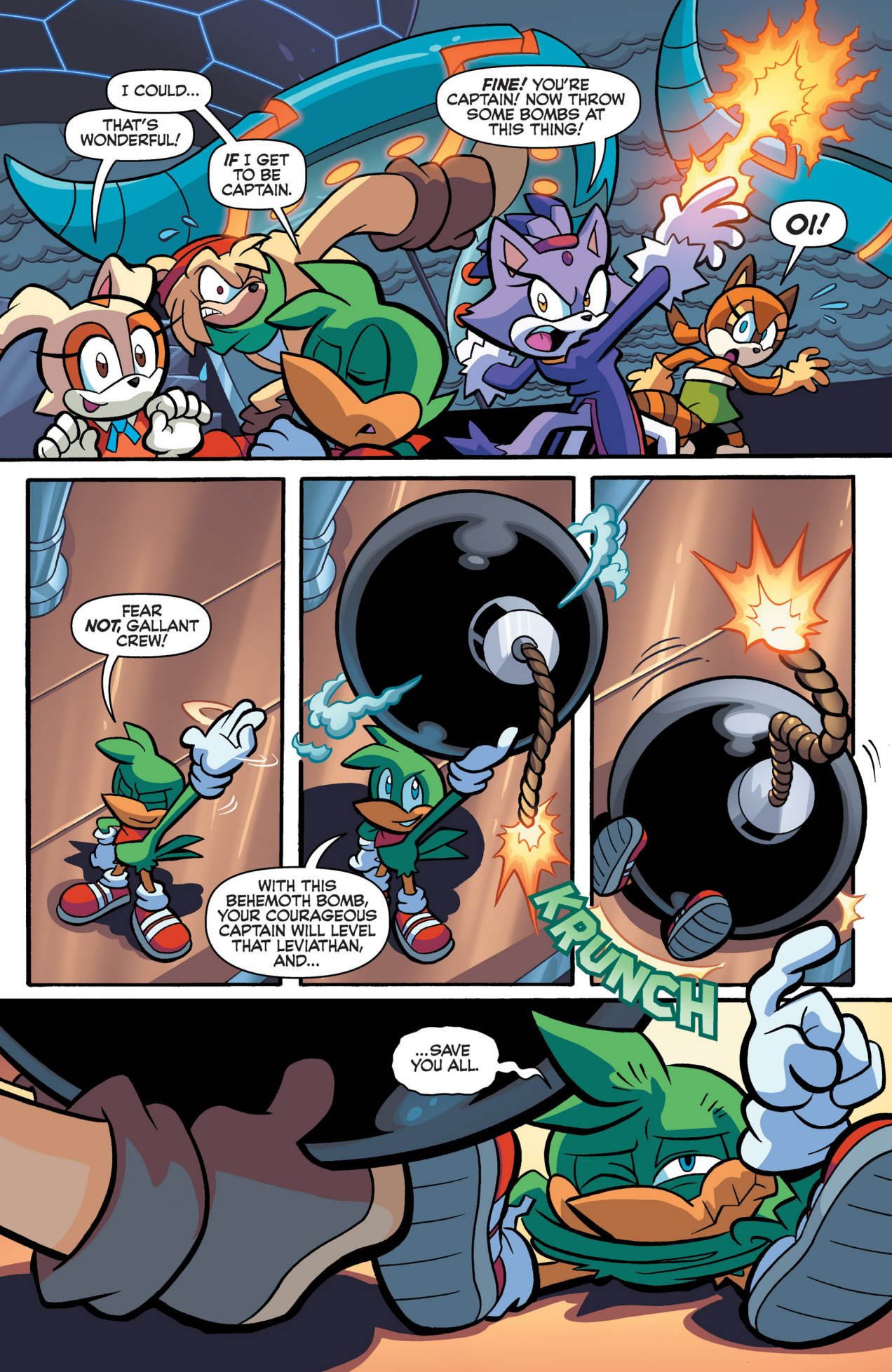

IT'S CAPTAIN METAL'S SHIP.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE BLAZE AND THAT RACCOON HAVE TAKEN COMMAND!
JOHNNY, M'LAD, BEAT TO QUARTERS!
LET'S SEND 'EM TO MEET OL' HOB.
SHOULD WE NOT COME ABOUT INTO THE WIND FOR A BETTER POSITION IN BATTLE?
OI! YOU WORRY ABOUT SETTIN' THINGS ON FIRE, AND LET THE CAPTAIN (THAT'S ME) NAVIGATE THIS VESSEL!
I MEANT NO OFFENSE!
NO WORRIES, MATE!
ALL HANDS ABOUT SHIP! STARBOARD TACK INTO THE WIND!


LOOSE TOPSAILS AND...!
LOOSE TOPSAILS? I PREFER TO RUN A TIGHT SHIP.
WATCH THESE TWO, THEY'RE TROUBLE!
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' ON MY SHIP?!
YOUR SHIP? MY ASSOCIATE BARK AND I CAME UPON IT HERE AT ANCHOR, AND BY LAWS BOTH ANCIENT AND IMMUTABLE, WE, BEING THE FINDERS, ARE NOW THE KEEPERS.
THE SHINY LOOT IN THE HOLD BELOW IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN ASSUAGE MY HEART-BREAK OVER LOSING...THE SHINY. ALAS FOR MY BEAUTY! LOST! NAY, RIPPED FROM MY BOSOM UPON THE KINDLING OF OUR LOVE! TORN FROM MY EMBRACE BY A FIEND FROM THE PIT! I SHALL FIND YE! I WILL CAPTAIN THIS VESSEL TO THE ENDS OF THE, ERR, WHATEVER THIS PLANET IS CALLED, IF I MUST! Oh, BRIGHTEST OF BAUBLES! Oh, GLOSSIEST OF GEMS! THOU SHALT BE MINE ONCE MORE!
YOU'RE STARKERS! I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THIS BARKY!


Uhhh... CAPTAIN'S HAT.
HELLOOOO?
FWOOF
WHO WANTS TO BE A DUMB OLD CAPTAIN ANYWAY?
AMY, PLEASE KEEP THESE TWO IN LINE. WE SHOULD KEEP THEM CLOSE BY SO I CAN SEND THEM HOME WITH YOU AS WELL.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO KEEP THEM?
HARD A'PORT! GUN CREWS PREPARE TO FIRE!
LOAD THE CANNONS, ME HEARTIES!
READY...!
AIM...!

RRAAARRRGH!!
THE KRAKEN!
FIRE!!
BOOM BOOM BOOM
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

PIKO
THIS SQUID IS TOUGH!
I KNOW. THEY MAKE FOR TERRIBLE SUSHI. SO CHEWY!
LET GO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!!
YE'LL NOT ABANDON YER POST, COWARD! KEEP FIRING!
NOTHING SEEMS TO HARM THIS BEAST!
Oh, MY!
Oh, MR. BEAN? I KNOW YOU CAN MAKE BOMBS APPEAR AND YOU'RE GOOD AT BLOWING THINGS UP! PLEASE HELP US STOP THIS MONSTER!


I COULD...
THAT'S WONDERFUL!
IF I GET TO BE CAPTAIN.
FINE! YOU'RE CAPTAIN! NOW THROW SOME BOMBS AT THIS THING!
OI!
FEAR NOT, GALLANT CREW!
WITH THIS BEHEMOTH BOMB, YOUR COURAGEOUS CAPTAIN WILL LEVEL THAT LEVIATHAN, AND...
KRUNCH
...SAVE YOU ALL.

?!
KA-BOOM
SHIVER ME GIRDERS! THE EMERALD!!

NO!
D'ARRR! CAP'NNN METALLL!
THANKEE FER DELIVERING THE SOL EMERALD TO ME, WHISKER! MAYHAP YE OUGHT TO BE ME CABIN BOY!
UPSTART SCALLYWAG! I'LL HAVE YER GASKETS FER GARTERS!
I OFFERED YOU MERCY ONCE. I WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN. THIS ENDS NOW, YOU FILTH!
A SURLY LOT, YE ARE!
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FER YE ALL TO BE SO CRABBY.

YE CAN LEAVE THAT TO ME.
BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES! IT LOOKS TO BE MIGHTY ROUGH WEATHER FOR OUR HEROES! CAN BLAZE AND HER FRIENDS DEFEAT THE CRUSTY CAP'N METAL AND SAVE HER CRUMBLING WORLD? WILL AMY AND THE OTHERS EVER GET HOME? OUR SALTY SEA TALE ENDS IN SONIC UNIVERSE #58!
IN THE MEANTIME, DIVE INTO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE ENTIRE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!
AHOY!

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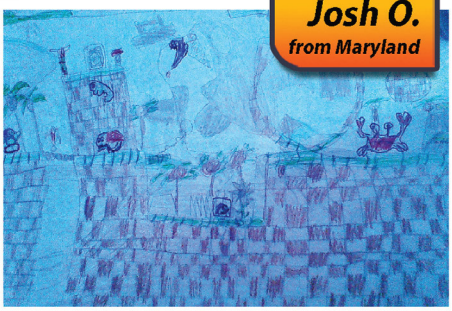

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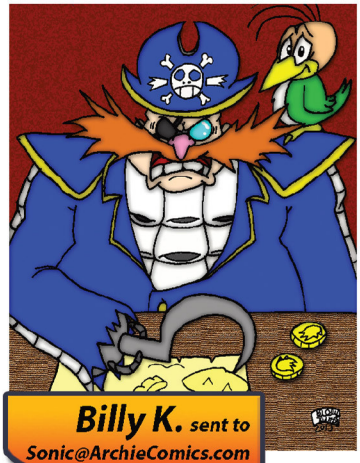

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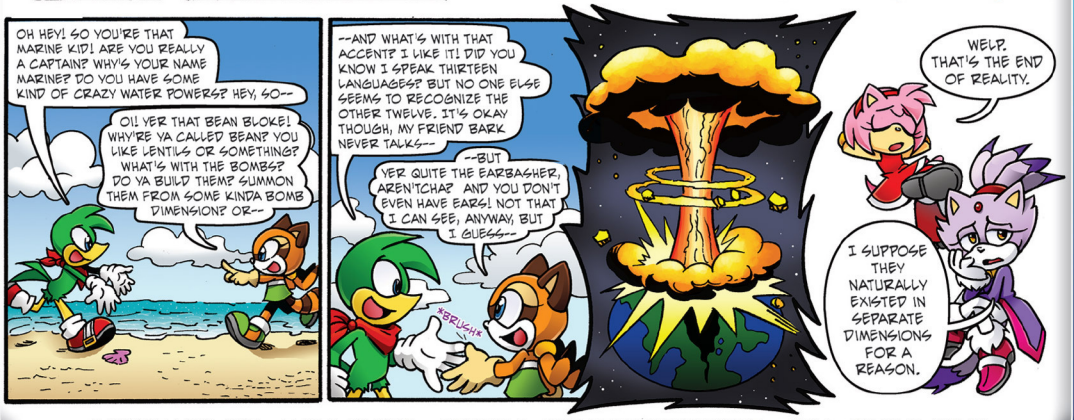
OH HEY! SO YOU'RE THAT MARINE KID! ARE YOU REALLY A CAPTAIN? WHY'S YOUR NAME MARINE? DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF CRAZY WATER POWERS? HEY, SO--
OI! YER THAT BEAN BLOKE! WHY'RE YA CALLED BEAN? YOU LIKE LENTILS OR SOMETHING? WHAT'S WITH THE BOMBS? DO YA BUILD THEM? SUMMON THEM FROM SOME KINDA BOMB DIMENSION? OR--
--AND WHAT'S WITH THAT ACCENT? I LIKE IT! DID YOU KNOW I SPEAK THIRTEEN LANGUAGES? BUT NO ONE ELSE SEEMS TO RECOGNIZE THE OTHER TWELVE. IT'S OKAY THOUGH, MY FRIEND BARK NEVER TALKS--
--BUT YER QUITE THE EARBASHER, AREN'TCHA? AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE EARS! NOT THAT I CAN SEE, ANYWAY, BUT I GUESS--
BRUGH
WELP. THAT'S THE END OF REALITY.
I SUPPOSE THEY NATURALLY EXISTED IN SEPARATE DIMENSIONS FOR A REASON.

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Just read Sonic Universe issue 56 and I loved it! Could Captain Metal be trying to make a Sol Emerald Genesis Wave? Or maybe trying to Chaos Control himself back into the Prime universe?

Captain Metal has big plans! If he can get ahold of all seven Sol Emeralds, he'll have access to almost limitless powerrr! Keep on reading to see what will become of the mystical gems and the evil robot pirate, Captain Metal!

Also, how many languages does Bean speak??

-Nic
from Oklahoma

Thanks for the letter, Nic! Apparrr'ently, Bean can speak thirteen different languages. This is based soley upon his word, so whether it's the truth or not is anyone's guess!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hello again Archie Comics!

I've been really looking forward to Sonic Universe's 'Pirate Plunder Panic', and am very much enjoying it so far! The return of Marine and the Coconut Crew was quite humorous. It's also nice seeing Amy, Cream and Cheese thrown into the mix. All the girls teaming up with Blaze makes for a good run of girl power! And of course, LOVE the new villains. Many props to everyone on this saga. Especially Tracy Yardley! I bet he had loads of fun setting this up.

Kyle A. sent to
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Thanks, Kyle! We're all having a swash buckling good time with this story arrr'c. The girls of Sonic's universe deserve their time in the spotlight. Tracy did a great job with this story -- in both writing and penciling, it's a real 'treasure' having him as a part of the talented Sonic comics team!

Dear My Sonic Universe,
Will Metal Sonic and Super Sonic ever fight? Is Captain Metal going to get beat by Blaze? And what happened to Sally?! Also, what happened to Silver's future?

Will Metal and Super fight?? That would be awesome - Ian, take note! As for your other questions, Blaze and Captain Metal's battle will be seen next issue, Sally's whereabouts are shown in Sonic the Hedgehog #252 (on sale now, plugplugplug) and Silver's future is a complete mystery for now! Read on!

How did Eggman and Wily connect? I noticed Eggman said "Albert" and Wily said "My new best friend". P.S You guys have the coolest comics I have ever seen!

A.H. sent to
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